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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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Examiner: Blessing M. Fubara

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FOR: Biodegradable Triblock Copolymers as Solubilizing Agents for Drugs
and Method of Use Thereof

Commissioner for Patents
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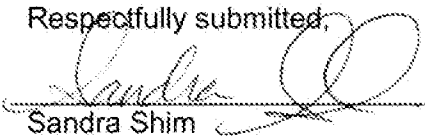
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of June 11, 2009 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on September 11, 2009. A two-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$460 for payment of the extension fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

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